

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of April 7, 2008.

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, and 14 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 8 are presently amended. Claim 14 is newly added. Claims 4-7 and 10-13 are canceled.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mongeon (U.S. Patent No. 5,710,824) in view of Magee (U.S. Patent No. 5,231,504).

Claims 4, 10 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant's Response

In response to the last Office Action and to expedite the prosecution of this patent application, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 8 to include the claimed subject matter of dependent claims 4 and 10, respectively. In addition, claim 14 has been added to include the claimed subject matter of claim 11. Furthermore, claims 4-7 and 10-13 have been canceled.

It is believed the presently presented claims include the subject matter indicated as being allowable in the last Office Action, i.e. previously presented claims 4, 10 and 11.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all remaining claims (Claims 1-3, 8, 9 and 14) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

☒ Remaining Claims, as delineated below:

| (1) FOR | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (3) NUMBER EXTRA |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 6 | - 20 = |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 3 | - 4 = |
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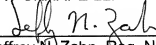
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In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Jeffrey N. Zahn, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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